

This is in response to the September 18, 2009 letter requesting additional information regarding their committee's Amended Mid-Year Report filed August 13, 2009.

In preparing the committee's 2009 mid-year report, while uploading into FEC File an excel spreadsheet of contributions made by employees of Fifth Third Bancorp through payroll deduction to the SSF, an error occurred resulting in only part of the employee contributions being imported. The error was discovered a few days after the report was filed and quickly corrected by filing an amended report. All of the contributions were from employees of Fifth Third Bancorp. The amended report itemized all of the contributions even though virtually all of contributions are very low dollar amounts and the aggregates are under the itemization threshold. Nevertheless, the committee's standard practice is to verify uploads before filing a report. However, in this case the upload was performed by a new staff person, who has since received additional training regarding verification of the same.

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